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AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE: CHILDREN

By Judy Block

Editor's note: Judy Block *was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Field Museum on February 17, 1997. She has a long-standing interest in policy issues affecting children, and currently serves as Board President of the Child Welfare League of America. On June 10, 1997 she was honored at the 1997 Kids Count Awards Dinner, sponsored by Voices for Illinois Children. As The Field Museum counts children as one of our most important constituencies, we are printing here some excerpts from our Chair's inspiring acceptance speech.*

... And yet what does it mean to be a child advocate? First, it means we learn about the issues and we do not make uninformed assumptions about why so many of our country's children are in jeopardy. It means we must not only be a voice but a vote for children. It means holding legislators' feet to the fire -- voting for those who support job training, child care, early childhood education and child health care. (Why should health care cover every sixty-year-old and not every six-year-old?) And these lawmakers must not just vote for it but provide the resources to pay for it. It means voting for public servants who will take a stand for public education, make it a priority and find a way to fund it adequately ... It means voting for one child's future -- one vote at a time, one child at a time.

A couple of weeks ago, I was visiting a little friend of mine. I see her every month or so. She is four years old, was born with PCP in her system and abused before she was two. She has five brothers and sisters and they all live in different homes. We were playing a game and she bubbled and laughed and delighted in beating me. I marveled at her quickness, her intelligence, her resilience and it was clear that she did not know that within a week she would leave this loving foster home for another where she could hopefully live with one sibling. Thus she would leave this "mom" for her fifth "mom" in four years. This child is one of 50,000 like her in our state. Why is she not in her own home with a mom and a dad and a dog and ballet lessons and all the other things we take for granted? The story is too long and complicated to tell but the end is that we cannot afford to keep passing judgement on the indiscretions and failures of adults and older teens in our society because their children are among us and they are costing us millions, not only in dollars, but in lost opportunities and broken dreams. We as a civilized society *must* address their needs.

... I also know from my venture capital friends that it is vital that there be enough invested at the beginning of a venture to be sure it survives and thrives. What about our investment in our

children? We know that prevention, early childhood programs, family support and child care work, and yet we are more willing to be taxed to build prisons than we are to provide child care. Remember it costs far more to repair an adult than to build a child. Whatever we give, or don't give, will come back to us in one form or another. If we are a willing to venture forth, invest enough early on, we will find ourselves holding a blue chip stock -- and there may with luck be no more little girls like my friend on the west side.

GOT KIDS? GET THE NEWS ON DAYCARE

Tuesday, June 24 at 12:00 noon in Dining Room C & D

Honey Tree Day Care will present the ins and outs, ups and downs of their service. Located nearby at 13th and State St., there is a definite maybe that our campus institutions will formalize an arrangement with Honey Tree if current interest is maintained. Also, we would like to find a few more parents who will commit to this program. PLEASE COME. Questions? Call **John Wagner** (x395) or **Maria Thomas** (x356).

Thank you!

When the Board of Trustees met at the Museum last Monday, June 9, our staff worked together beautifully to make the Trustees feel welcome and "at home." Much "behind-the-scenes" work by **Audio-Visual, Housekeeping, Liz Events, Security, Special Events, and Visitor Services** combined to make a very successful day. My thanks always to **Mike Caruthers** in the Mailroom for his endless patience in mailing the agenda materials. I would also like to thank **Jean Fraleigh, Helen Green**, and **Adam Shapiro** for their "escort, communications and control" efforts.

Carolyn Klyce

LARRY HEANEY COMMENTS ON MAMMAL DISCOVERIES

Associate Curator **Larry Heaney** (Zoology, Mammals) was recently quoted in the June 9 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* in an article on new mammal species being discovered around the world. The article reports that a surge in mammal identification over the past fifteen years has prompted more than 450 new mammal species to be added to *Mammal Species of the World.* Heaney, along with colleagues, has contributed to the list over the past six years by identifying fifteen new mammals from the Philippines. Many of these new mammal species are being discovered in scientific "hot spots" such as Madagascar, the Amazon, Andes Mountains, or the Philippines where Heaney conducts research. Heaney was quoted for saying that scientists may be naming more mammals today than at any time in history. He predicted there "will be close to 8,000 by the time we're through," referring to the number of mammal species which currently totals around 4,600.

NUTS & BOLTS

ACCOUNTING DEADLINES

Please note the following accounting deadlines:

- All financial activity for the month must be completed and in to the Accounting Department by the end of the second working day of the next month. Year-end activity must be received by the end of the fourth working day of the next month. This means that all financial transactions for 1997 must be received as follows:

Transactions for:	Must be received by:
June 1997	July 2, 1997
July 1997	August 4, 1997
August 1997	September 2, 1997
September 1997	October 2, 1997
October 1997	November 4, 1997
November 1997	December 2, 1997
December 1997	January 6, 1998
All 1997 activity	January 6, 1998

- Monthly management reports and board reports are prepared from information in the Museum's financial accounting system. Only activity that has been posted to the accounting system will be included in these reports.

Questions? Call **Lucy Bukowski** (x366).

CHARGE TO NON-FIRST CHICAGO CUSTOMERS FOR ATM ACCESS

Effective June 1, 1997, First Chicago Bank began to charge non-customers an access fee of $1.00 to make withdrawls at First Chicago ATM's. Keep in mind that the ATM in "Picnic in the Field" is a First Chicago ATM and, if you are not a First Chicago customer, an access fee of $1.00 will be charged directly to your account for use of the ATM for withdrawls.

If you have any questions, please call the First Chicago Customer Service number toll-free at 1-888-963-4000.

EDITOR'S VACATION -- NEXT *NATURAL NEWS* PUBLISHED JUNE 27, 1997

Deadline for submissions: Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at noon via E-mail to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org or on floppy. No access to a computer? Call me (x642) and we will work it out. -- **Carolyn**

Please

RETURN TEMPORARY ID'S

Many staff and McDonald's employees are keeping the temporary ID's which have been signed out when entering the building. The temporary ID's are *not* intended to replace your photo ID, but are intended as a one-day replacement for a lost or forgotten one. If the temporary ID is a replacement for a lost badge, you should make arrangements with the equipment office for a replacement. If it is a replacement for a forgotten ID, it should be returned upon leaving the Musuem at the end of the day. All staff members who may have forgotten to return their temporary ID's should return them to the entrance where they were checked out, or to the Security Console.

Note: *All ID's not returned by June 22 will be programmed out of the system, and will no longer operate any card readers.* -- Submitted by **Ron Cundiff**

☹ Does Your Department Need a Fax Machine...
but can't afford one?

Could you make do with a thermal fax? 😐

Please call **Martina** (x240) in Exhibits

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CREDIT UNION VISIT

A representative from Chicago First Credit Union will be in Picnic in the Field on Tuesday, June 17, 1997, from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. to:

- Explain services and ENROLL new members
- Help members open additional accounts
- Complete forms for payroll deduction (additions/changes)
- Answer questions about services

As a staff member of The Field Museum, you and your family can enjoy a wide range of financial services. Be sure to stop by! -- Submitted by **Jennifer Noe**

Summary of Programs
for
Field Nights 1997

Thursday, July 3: African/Garifuna Evening

Muntu Dance Theater, a Chicago-based company, will perform authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance, music and folklore.

Stereo Band will perform Punta Rock, a contemporary version of the traditional Punta Rhythm of the Garifuna People. The Garifuna are the descendants of African and Amerindians whose ancestors escaped slavery from the Caribbean to the shores of Central America two hundred years ago. Traditional Garifuna Drummers will do solo acts between performances and a group of children will perform the Garifuna Mask Dance. An exhibit about the Garifuna will be on display in the Museum's South Gallery from July 3 — 13.

Thursday, July 17: Russian/Russian Immigrant Evening

Klezmer music, Yiddish ballads and Russian-Jewish melodies combined with other European rhythms and jazz will be performed by **Maxwell Street Klezmer Band**, a well-known Chicago-based band that has performed internationally. Russian folk music will be performed by **Tum bala laika**, also a Chicago-based group. Russian or Ukrainian folk dances will be included depending upon the availability of the group.

Thursday, July 24: Spanish Evening

All the excitement of the vibrant flamenco will be performed by Chicago-based group **Manteca Colorá** in its authentic *cuadro flamenco* format — dancers, guitarists and a *cantador* (singer.) A guitar duo, **Hector Fernandez and Tom Kimbal**, will perform traditional flamenco and classical guitar music, jazz and pop classics, and the contemporary "flamenco pop." **The Opera Factory of Chicago** will perform popular Zarzuelas. (Final confirmation for Opera Factory is still pending.)

Thursday, July 31: Indian Evening

Natyakalalayam Dance Company, accompanied by a group of musicians from India that comes to Chicago every year, will perform classic and folk dances of India. A group of musicians based in Chicago will perform classical Indian music.

Thursday, August 7: Latin American Peña

Latin American Peña is an informal gathering of musicians, singers, composers, poets, writers and other artists to share art, folklore, and literature and to discuss politics over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. Performers will include: **Hermanos Olavarría, Sones de México, Tango 21 and Inga Pirca**. Individuals will perform the so-called *Troba o Nueva Canción Latinoamericana* (New Latin American Song) that originated in Cuba in the 1960's.

Thursday, August 14: Polish Evening

Polish Folk Dances will be performed by **Slebodni in USA**. This is a group based at the Polish Highlanders Association of Chicago. They will perform the music, songs and dances of the mountains of Southern Poland. The band will also perform folk music of Slovakia, Hungary and Rumania. Other potential performances include a group of 2 - 4 professional classical musicians who will perform music of Chopin and other Polish composers.

Thursday, August 21: Irish Evening

The Trinity Irish Dance Company will be the centerpiece for this Irish evening. Also, **Moore and Broaders**, a contemporary Irish duo, will perform traditional and contemporary Irish music and songs. **The Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society** will take part in the program.

Thursday, August 31: Japanese Evening

The Fujima Shunojo School of Chicago will perform Japanese Classical Dances following the tradition of the Fujima School of Japanese Classical Dance that was established in 1704. **The Kokyo Taiko** drummers will open and close the evening program and also will do a 20-minute performance. Classical Japanese music will be performed by the **Koto Group**, and the **Minyo Club of Indianapolis** will perform Japanese folk dances.

VIRUS OUTBREAK!
PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER

There has been a serious outbreak of the Stealth Boot C virus in Institutional Advancement. At the time of this writing, six out of seven systems tested had it. This is a particularly perncious strain of computer virus. If left untreated it will corrupt your files and damage your system's hard drive.

I recommend the following:

1. If you exchange files with anyone in Institutional Advancement please notify computer services at x 440.

2. If your system is acting strangely notify Computer Services.

3. Don't load computer disks in your system from an unknown source.

4. Check all storage media for the virus.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.
And remember: An ounce of prevention ...

Jim Koeppl, Computer Services

Welcome!

The Institutional Advancement office is pleased to welcome **Hershey Escudero** to its staff. Hershey comes to the Museum after working for AT&T and Fluor Daniel in Chicago. Hershey earned her B.S. from Loyola University here in Chicago, and majored in Anthropology. Hershey is not new, hwoever, to the Museum, as she has been a volunteer in both the Anthropology Department and the Archives Department for over six years. Hershey's desk is just inside the main Development Office door and she can be reached at ext. 880.

FIELD NIGHTS

Included in this issue of the *Natural News* is a flyer describing our new FIELD NIGHTS. During the summer the Museum will be open late on Thursday nights. Lettuce Entertain You will be providing food ($6.00 dinner plates). Enjoy summer nights by the lake front -- relax after work with friends and co-workers. Come and invite a guest!

The Chase is on!

Join your co-workers for an evening of fun and run/walk in the 1997 Chase Corporate Challenge.

Thursday, August 7, 1997
Grant Park
The 3.5 mile run/walk begins at 6:45 p.m. for men and 7:05 p.m. for women.
Food and beverages will be provided for all who participate.

Many Field Museum staff have already signed up: **Cindy Andresen, Bill Ballard, Erica Blair, Lucy Bukowski, Jaci Carter, Jonathan Copulsky, Annie Crawley, Jim Croft, Michele Eck, Ron Hall, Carolyn Klyce, John McCarter, Link Olsen, Mary Ann Rodgers, Laurie Sanders, Adam Shapiro, Randi Smith, Bill Stanley, Madelyn Thompson, Susan Webb, Diane White, Alicia Vazquez, Doris Yelvington,** to name just a few...

The Museum will cover registration fees, and participants will be asked to pay a nominal fee for the T-shirt (with the fabulous Archaeopteryx design).

Please call **Cindy Andresen** or **Alicia Vazquez** (x870) to sign up for the race or for more information. ***Register on or before Tuesday, July 15.***

Starting July 9, 1997, every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. we will gather at the north door for practice runs along the lake front for all who are interested.

All staff and volunteers invited!

Reception in Rice Wildlife Research Station
Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

To welcome:

Fay Hartog-Levin, Vice President for External Affairs
Charles Katzenmeyer, Campaign Director
Christy MacLear, Museum Campus Coordinator
Laura Sadler, Director of Auxiliary Services
Felicia Wesson, Museum Counsel